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Regulatory Commission of Alaska

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Dear Mr. Roesel:

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) established a streamlined authorization process for interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) providers to obtain telephone numbers directly from the of the North American Numbering Plan Administrator or the Pooling Administrator (Numbering Administrators) rather than through intermediary telecommunications carriers.¹ VoIP providers must first receive authorization from the FCC to obtain numbers and comply with the FCC's numbering rules. After receiving authority from the FCC, VoIP providers are also required to notify relevant state commissions at least 30 days prior to requesting numbers from the Numbering Administrators.²

On May 18, 2021, the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (Commission) received a notice from HD Carrier, LLC (HD Carrier) of its intent to request for blocks of central office codes in the Anchorage, Alaska rate center from the Numbering Administrators.³ HD Carrier also provided a copy of the public notice issued by the FCC that granted HD Carrier's application.

The Commission acknowledges HD Carrier's notice to obtain numbering resources in the Anchorage, Alaska rate center. Note that the Commission adopted number conservation strategies for telecommunications carriers in Alaska.⁴ The Commission requires central office code reclamation, sequential number assignment, Type I interconnection

¹See *Numbering Policies for Modern Communications et al., Report and Order*, FCC 15-70, 30 FCC Rcd 6839, rel. June 22, 2015 (Direct Access and Report Order).

²Direct Access and Report Order ¶¶ 27, 33.

³See HD Carrier LLC 30 Day State Notification for Interconnected VOIP Providers, Docket I-18-001, received May 18, 2021.

⁴See Order U-09-004(6), *Order Addressing Numbering Conservation Strategy and Closing Docket*, dated January 15, 2010; see also Order U-10-067(2), *Order Requiring Thousands-Block Number Pooling in Certain Alaska Rate Centers and Closing Docket*, dated October 21, 2010.

agreement and mandatory thousands-block number pooling to service providers in Alaska. These strategies are consistent with the FCC's numbering rules.⁵ The Commission also adopted regulations that added VoIP service to the list of services subject to the Alaska Universal Service Fund⁶ and Telecommunications Relay Service surcharge assessment.⁷ HD Carrier should comply with these strategies and regulations.

If you have any questions, please contact Jess Manaois at john.paul.manois@alaska.gov; telephone (907) 263-2174.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION

Sincerely,

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⁵47 C.F.R. § 52.15

⁶See Order R-15-007(3), *Order Adopting Regulations*, dated November 30, 2016 (*adopting* 3 AAC 53.340(a)(19)).

⁷3 AAC 51.010(a). See Order R-19-001(3), *Order Adopting Regulations*, dated July 18, 2019.